

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete the multiple dependencies and to place the application into better examination. Favorable action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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